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RUSS-GERMANS IN PEACE PACT; BESSARABIA NOW IS REPUBLIC

RUSSIA BETRAYED BY BOLSHEVIKI, NOT YET UNDER GERMAN YOKE

National Movement Organized Against Red Rule Will Turn Against Germany's Efforts to Destroy Russ Democracy and Conquer Country Economically, Says Slav Leader in America.

Petrograd, Saturday, Dec. 29.—Bessarabia has declared its independence as the Moldavian republic to form a part of the Russian federated republic.

Bessarabia is a government of southwestern Russia, adjoining Roumania. About half the inhabitants are Roumanians. The population is about 2,000,000 people. Kishinev is the capital of Bolsheviki, which has an area of about 18,000 squaref

The Bolsheviki announce that tomorrow a general cele- parents, yesterday announcing, the bration of the peace negotiations will be held in Petrograd and engagement of their attractive eldest other Russian cities.

Girls and Boys Has Brought

Woolworth Site on St.

Mary's Avenue.

Betterment of Girls and Boys.

According to Dr. Jennie Callfas,

president of the association, the build-

rooms, and will be outfitted to provide

On Beautiful Spot.

"The site has many advantages over

walking distance of the heart of the

"The association has been interest-

the members of the association.

Great Work Ahead.

"Much can be done for the work-

ing girl and boy in our city and this

is one way of arriving near our end.

shall organize various educational

The executive committee of the

association consists of the following:

President, Dr. Jennie Callfas; vice

president, Mrs. C. W. Hayes; second

vice president, Mrs. George Joslyn;

secretary, Miss Esther Johnson; treas-

The board of directors comprises

Judge Charles Leslie, Judge Howard

The deal for the property was ar-

Washington, Dec. 30.-Figures

compiled at the office of Sur-

geon General Gorgas and made pub-

lic today, show that with more than

900,000 soldiers in training in this

country from September 21 to De-

cember 14, there were only 1,391

deaths from all causes, an average

The record shows that the aver-

age strength of the army in the

United States during the period was

916,722 men. Among the 202,009

regulars there were 144 deaths; there

were 494 deaths in the 387,233 na-

327,480 National Guardsmen.

rate of less than two per 1,000.

1,000 Die in Camps

ranged through George Payne.

Only Two Soldiers in

Kennedy, Herbert Rogers, George

urer, Mrs. Samuel Foote.

Payne and Gus Miller.

city, and is located on a beautiful spot,

"The place is high, within

been bought.

home comforts.

surrounded by trees.

work of canvassing.

PETROGRAD CELEBRATES. O-London, Dec. 30.—Dispatches from HOME FOR GIRLS over today to a celebration of the peace negotiations. The watchwords

Down with international imperialism! and Long live the third interna-

A telegram received in Petrograd from Novo Tcherkack, capital of the territory of the Don Cossacks, announces that General Kaledines, who recently resigned as hetman of the Cossacks on the ground that there was opposition to him at the front, has been re-elected by 562 out of a total of 638 votes.

The counsel of people's commiscompany to be in a state of liquida- by the Omaha Association for the Bennett school, Milbrook, N. Y. tion and declined to submit to the contronl of the employes. All the workmen have been ordered to continue the discharge of their duties. Anyone guilty of acts of sabotage will be brought before a revolutionary court.

Bolsheviki Power Is on Wane, Declares Sack By A. J. Sack.

(Director, Russian Information Bureau.) The rule of the Bolsheviki is tottering and we may expect their down-

iall in a very short time. But, whether they fall tomorrow, Callfas, or even today, they already have committed their greatest crime against Russia and the allies. They have disorganized and demoralized the

once so glorious Russian army, While Trotzky is pathetically exclaiming that the Bolsheviki will not kneel before the kaiser, and that in case Germany offers Russia "offensive peace terms," the Bolsheviki will declare a "revolutionary war" on Germany-while play-acting so in the midst of the Russian tragedy, which the Bolsheviki have themselves created, the truth of the situation

The damage the Bolsheviki have already done to the Russian military machine is almost irreparable; After the building is completed we there is probably no longer a Russian army in existence and the roads clubs for their interest. to Russia are open. A separate peace between Russia and Germany, under present conditions, would be a peace on Germany's terms. Russia, under these terms, would become practically a vassal of Germany.

Dream of Prussan Junkers.

It should be understood that a separate peace with Russia, on the terms which Germany now is able to dictate, resorting probably to some pseudo-democratic camouflage, would be a realization beyond the wildest dreams of Prussian junkerdom. This victory would strengthen the political position of the German militarists and justify for the population of Germany

their sacrifices during this war. If Germany extends her rule over Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria, Turkey, Roumania and Russia, with the possession of the resources of these countries, with access to every kind (Continued on Page Two, Column Two.)

The Weather

Fair Monday; slowly rising temperature in east portion. Temperatures at Omaha Testerday,



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Comparative Local Record. 1917, 1916, 1915, 1914, yesterday..... 7 emperature.... 16 rature and precipitation departures for the day 6 clency since March 1 469 ecipitation 93 inch the day 63 inch fall since March 1 2184 inches since March 1 7.39 inches for cor. period in 1916/12 71 inches for cor. period in 1815, 2.20 inches

L A. WELSH, Meteorologist.

Condition of Civilians in Belgium Described as Heartrending by One of Them Who Made Escape to England

QUEEN OF REALM OF AK-SAR-BEN TO WED ARMY MAN

Announcement Made of Engagement of Miss Elizabeth Reed and Lieut. I. W. Carpenter, Junior.

The Ak-Sar-Ben queen, Miss Elizabeth Balch Reed, is to marry Lieutenant Isaac White Carpenter, jr. Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Lincoln Reed, her daughter, the reigning queen of the realm, to the young soldier in the Coast artillery, son of the Isaac W. Carpenters. Licutenant Carpenter came home from Fort Andrews, Christmas, but leaves tonight to return to his post. The wedding date is indefinite but will probably be one of the "after-the-war" ceremonies, according to the bride-elect.

Of Pioneer Stock. The young people are numbered among the most popular of the younger set because of their likeable quali-Association for Betterment of ties and achievements. Miss Reed, whose grandparents, the Balchs and the Reeds, were among the pioneer settlers in Nebraska, was mentioned as the first "real daughter of Omaha" in connection with her coronation as queen of Ak-Sar-Ben this year. Her choice as queen was heralded as one An up-to-date home for working of the most popular decisions the times even, before succeeding. A large Russo-Belgium company because its old Woolworth property at Twenty-Russo-Belgium company because its old Woolworth property at I wenty- which she attended the Bishop school to prison camps.

> No Formal Debut. The plan has progressed quietly and Miss Reed was among the first rapidly and with the co-operation of Omaha society girls to forego a forheads of wholesale houses of the city mal debut last year, with the prospect consider that the Dutch-German will not be produced. Many people do where many young men and women her time to Red Cross work since the Dutch-Belgian, and that thouare employed. The site has already then. She is decidedly athletic in her tastes.

Lieutenant Carpenter is a graduate of Central High school, where he was ing will contain not less than 200 active in student affairs, and Dartmouth college. His fraternities are Delta Kappa Epsilon and the senior society, Casque and Gauntlet. He enlisted in May and received his comoutlying rooming houses," says Dr. mission at Fortress Monroe,

German Professor Ousted From University of Denver

Dencer, Colo., Dec. 30 .- Mrs. ed in the welfare of boys and girls Martha Loescher Crook, professor of who come to the city either to work German at the University of Denver, or to finish their education, and in was dismissed from the faculty of the the construction of this new home school at a meeting of the board of will be realized the hope and plan of trustees today. Pro-German sympathies and utterances, it was an-"While the building is being connounced, were the grounds for the structed, we still will go ahead in our action. The trustees voted to continue her salary to the end of the academic

W. G. Evans, chairman of the board of trustees, said that the vote was unanimous. Mrs. Crook has been connected with

the University of Denver many years, is widely known in educational circles and holds degrees from the University of Berlin, Columbia university and the University of Chicago.

Triple Murder Follows Mysterious Warning

Muskogee, Okl., Dec. 29.—The bodies of C. E. Logan, his wife and 4-year-old daughter were found tonight in the ruins of their home near McLain, a farming community 12 miles south of Muskogee. The bodies of Mrs. Logan and the child were burned, but an examination of Logan's body revealed that his head had been crushed.

Neighbors of the Logans said that Logan received a mysterious message over the telephone yesterday threatening his life.

Snowbound Passengers

Eat Ice Cream to Keep Warm Chicago, Dec. 29.-Snow made incoming trains from the east hours late. Near Hammond, Ind., long lines of passenger trains from the east stalled so long that hundreds of passengers visited farm houses, groceries and drug stores for food. Some were hungry enough to order ice tional army and 753 deaths in the cream with the temperature around

Finland Faces Starvation; Many Towns Breadless for Days

Washington, Dec 30 .- Food stocks in Finland are so depleted that officials there fear a famine unless tonnage is obtained to transport the oats and corn granted the Finnish provisional administration here by this government. Official dispatches today from Helsingfors says the direst need exists throughout the country.

The stock of cereals in Helsingfors was exhausted two weeks ago, the dispatches said and the surrounding country has been without food for a fortnight. Wiborg has flour for one week, but the suburbs have been without bread for days. Hammarsfors has rice and oats for 10 days, but many other towns and villages are breadless and few farmers have stocks to last until the next crop.

Dr. Kaarlo Ignatius, the Finnish commissioner, is endeavoring with the assistance of the State department and the shipping board to obtain tonnage to take food to relieve the situation and it is considered likely that two ships will be obtained.

Many Who Make Desperate Bid FUEL SHORTAGE for Liberty Across Border Shot by Germans or Deported to Prisons. BY AN ESCAPED CIVILIAN.

Some pacifists abroad, following the lead of Mr. Morel, having recently exploited the suffering of the Belgian population as an argument for an early and premature peace, the German newspapers hastened to re-

produce the news, It did more harm to the popularity of the allies than the bombs dropped by British airmen on the army's communication lines, which necessarily cause a certain number of casualies among the civilians.

unavoidable, we have often wondered that war contracts calling for hundreds why they were limited to Belgian territory. The taids carried recently into Germany will no doubt relieve the feelings of many

In London Times, December 11.

I should mention here the case of a young friend of mine, a boy of 18, who crossed the wire quite recently. A two weeks, Mr. Storrow said. Mass, where he is stationed, to spend British bomb had fallen on his house at Bruges. His father had been killed. His mother and sister, both seriously wounded, were lying in hospital. "The only thing left for me was to join the army." he said to me when we met in England,

He is now in an instruction camp in

Can't Cross Frontier.

It is easy to speak of crossing the frontier; it is less easy to do it now that it is barred by a double fence of electrified wire and guarded by a sentry every 50 yards and patrols during the whole night.

Many have failed and tried over and over again, 10 times, 15

in the statement current in Belgium ment of coal to New England the trethat the enemy needs a whole army corps to keep us from slipping through the prison gates, but if we the New England factories to produce sands of spies and secret agents are must be burned for purposes which this estimate does not seem very far from the truth.

Persecution and Hunger. -Nothing can give a better idea of the obstinate resistance opposed by the Belgians to German edicts and

ing one year only (1915-1916). Most of them, of course, are fines or short terms of imprisonment. Formerly we used to have the choice and many rich people preferred to go to the St. Gilles prison rather than help the enemy by paying

their fine. But the prisons have become so crowded and the financial situation of the empire has become so bad that only the destitutes preserve the privilege of sacrificing their The others, if they refuse to pay,

have their watch taken from them or are obliged to give up a piece of valuable furnitur:. In Brussels these things are sold by auction in a shop in the Rue de la Limite.

Now that winter has set in I should like to say a word about the food question. It is impossible to realize he spirit which inspires the Belgian people if one does not take into account their economic situation.

To Break Belgium's Spirit. In their attempt to break Belgian

nationalism the enemy has found a forceful ally-hungery-and the moral power necessary to resist the former is nothing beside that which is required to resist the second. Mainly on account of the submarine menace and of the torpedoing of a number of relief ships the imports of the commission for relief have fallen this year far below the average.

The workman must live on a ration of 300 grammes of bread a day and the platter of soup provided by the communal authorities. This is about half the food necessary to keep alive in ordinary times a man who is not doing any physical work. If the shop (Continued on Page Two, Column Two.)

Food at Danger Point

In France and Denmark Washington, D. C., Dec. 30 .-Further reduction of civilian rations in European countries today was reported necessary.

Information received by the food administration said the wheat shortage in France was becoming alarming and that Maurice Long, minister for general revictualling for the French government, had indicated a decrease of 20 per cent in the bread ration soon would be imperative.

Denmark also is looking forward to a reduction of the bread ration because final figures for the cereal harvest show a total of only 62,000,000 bushels, or 20,000,000 bushels less than in 1916.

Food supplies in Switzerland are falling off to the danger point, the administrator's information said. The Swiss now may have only a pound and a half of sugar per person each month, half a pound of bread daily, and one-fifth of a pound of butter monthly

JAMS U.S. GREAT WAR CONTRACTS

New England Coal Administrator Declares Unless Relief Immediately Forthcoming Factory Tieup Result.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 30 .- James J. Stortow, fuel administrator for New Eng-While realizing that air raids are land, yesterday told Secretary Baker of millions of dollars' worth of clothing and war munitions could not be car-

> of coal supply. Some factories working on war contracts have fuel sufficient for only

> ried to completion at the present rate

Chairman Hurley of the shipping board also was called into the conference between Secretary Baker and Mr. Storrow, Mr. Storrow later made this statement:

Lack of Carriers.

"The railroad congestion, which now has reduced the car supply for commercial coal at the Pennsylvania mines is bringing us less than 20 per cent of our contracts, and no coal whatever for the hundreds of New England plants which depend upon buying spot coal in the market.

"The taking of our tugs and ships for governmental purposes also has greatly reduced the supply of coal moving by water from the West Virginia mines to Boston, Providence, Portland and other New England coal distributing points.

"Unless immediate and effective acon is taken by the government with-There is perhaps some exaggeration in a few days to increase the movemendous amount of war equipment which the government is expecting not realize that even though we are at war, many million tons of coal hept busy in the occupied territory come ahead even of rifles, cartridges and poison gas.

Student Aviator Flying in Seaplane Given Up as Lost

Pensacola, Fla., Dec. 30.-Officials regulations than the statement of a at the naval aviation station here to-German newspaper-the Deutsche night abandoned hope of finding alive no fewer than 100,000 the number of who disappeared last Wednesday sentences inflicted on the people dur- while on a flight in a seaplane. It church, killing three women. was believed that he was caught in a fog bank and lost his course, probably also were struck and the oldest house being forced to land in the bay, where heavy seas wrecked his machine. Crowe was the son of Michael F.

Crowe of Parkersburg, W. Va., and was a graduate of Georgetown university, Washington. He was a member of the varsity foot ball team for two years,

Mose Marks Arrested On Embezzlement Charge

trouble has grown out of a partnership deal.

Coldest December Day Is Recorded in New York

New York, Dec. 30 .- With a minimum temperature of six degrees below zero at 11 o'clock last night, this city experienced the coldest weather ever officially recorded for December. Only once before-on December 30, 1880 -was the temperature reached, according to the records of the local weather bureau.

Oldest Postal Employe Dies After Epochal Service

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 30.-Dennis Kinkade, the oldest emlpoye of the postal department in the country, died nere today in his 90th year. He had delivered the mails in this city from 1853 until 1913 with a total absence charge of the archive

BASIS FOR AGREEMENT TO END WAR IS REACHED; **EACH OUTLINES TERMS**

Decision Follows Preliminary Parley Over Issues That Must Be Settled in Event of General Peace; Envoys of Teutons Submit Outline of Demands to

Brest-Litovsk, Friday, Dec. 28 .- Via Berlin and London, Dec. 30.—Provisional agreement on a series of important points, including the liberation of war prisoners and resumption of commercial relations, was reached today by the delegates of

Palace of Giustiniami and Church and Seminary in Ruins and Three Women Slain.

(By Associated Press.)

Headquarters of the Italian Army in Northern Italy, Dec. 30 .- A large enemy fleet of airplanes participated in the air raid over the city of Padua and nearby towns Friday night. Thirteen persons were killed and 60 reached regarding the reciprocal liberwounded, the majority of the latter ation and return to their homes of being women.

In Padua the bombs fell in public and also for the return of captured squares, near hotels, clubs and hurches and from the manner in which the raid was carried on unusual barbarism and personal bitterness

A bright moonlight favored the raiders, who operated over a wide area embracing the cities of Treviso, ganized exchange of commodities. Montebelluna, Castel Franco and This squadron first appeared over Padua at 9 p. m., when a deafen- mic relations shall be settled permaing bombardment fairly shook the

Explosions began in the suburbs and gradually approached the center of the city, where the streets were filled with people. One bomb struck in the middle of the main square, opening a huge crater and killing one person and maiming many. Another Juristenzeitung--which estimates at Student Aviator Edward K. Crowe, struck a wing of the famous palace of Giustiniami, near the St. Antonio

The Carmelite church and seminary in Venetia, dating from 1160, was damaged. Two people were killed outright in front of the American-Anglo club. The other cities within the raided area escaped with little or no damage.

Pershing Visits King Albert In Quarters at Belgian Front

Havre, Dec. 30.-General Pershing commander-in-chief of the American Mose Marks, Council Bluffs horse expeditionary forces, today visited dealer, was placed under arrest yes- King Albert of Belgium. On arriving terday at his home, 220 North Second at a station near the Belgian front, street, upon a warrant based upon an General Pershing was received by the information filed in St. Louis charging king, who was accompanied by Genhim with the embezzlement of \$4,000, eral Ruquoy, chief of staff of the Bel-The complaining witness is Ben B. gian army, and officers of the king's the hands of re-Franklin, Omaha horse dealer. The military suite and a company of infan- local population try with a flag from the guard of cally. honor. King Albert conducted Gen- other eral Pershing to the royal residence, men where the visitor remained for luncheon. Later in the day the American commander left the Belgifront after further courtesies had exchanged

Two Killed When Pox Press Hou Salt Lake City, U

Two men were killed jured late this after black powder press i pont mill at Bacchus, of Salt Lake City, wa

Steer Clear of Santiago, Chile, Chilean governmen permit the Chilea Brazil, Ecuador and

Grain of Sand Causes Explos Killing Two and Wreckin

(By Associated Press.) Salt Lake City, Dec. 30.—Two men the bodies of Ellis a vere killed outright and a third is duced the building expected to die as the result of an foundation. explosion which occurred at the Bacchus plant of the Hercules Powder the building was bl company, 18 miles from here at 4:30 | Ellis came to B o'clock yesterday.

The dead are Frank Ellis and James Hansen, who were in the wrecked 000,000 supplies the building at the time. Efer Hunter, mines and other who had just left the stecture, had the state with exp his eyes blown out and is considered guarded and the fatally injured. The financial loss, ac- that there cannot cording to General Manager F. J. picion of an outs McGanney, will not exceed \$2,000 able cause is given The explosion coursed in the black blowing into the

the explosion blew th blew out the con An 800-pound car

cules, Cal., and Fountain Green,

The plant which powder press building. The force of ing friction.

Offset Slav Contentions. (By Associated Press.) Russia and the central power .a

> BASIS OF AGREEMENT. The agreement followed a discussion of issues which, in the event of a

general peace, would have to be settled among the nations represented in the negotiations here. Tihs provisional discussion was terminated today, the basis of an agreement adopted being reached under the reservation that it was to be examined by the governments represented by the delegates.

In respect of treaty relations, an understanding was arrived at regarding the restoration of the situation as it existed when the war began. It was provided that certain laws adopted during the war shall be cancelled, and that those affected thereby

shall be restored to their previous rights or indemnified. The rules in regard to payment of war costs and damages were defined in greater detail. Provisions were made concerning damages sustained

by civilians outside the war area. An agreement in principles was war prisoners and interned civilians. merchant vessels.

consular relations is embraced in the understanding. It is set forth that there shall be immediate stoppage of economic warfare, establishment of commercial intercourse and the or-

A substantial understanding was arrived at on which the basis of econonently.

Regarding the question of occupied territory the Russians made the following proposals:

Russ Submit Proposal.

In full accord of the purpose declarations both of the contracting parics that they cherish no bellicose plans and desire to conclude peace without annexations, Russia will withdraw its troops from all parts of Austria-Hungary, Turkey and Persia, occupied by it, while the powers of the quadruple alliance will withdraw theirs from Poland.

In accordance with the principles of the Russian government, which has declared the right of all peoples living in Russia to self-determination, including even separation, the populations of these districts will be given an opportunity within the shortest possible period of deciding entirely and freely the question of their union with one or the other empire, or their formation into independent states, "In this connection the present

any troops, apart from national, cal militia, in the territories voting shall not be perm this question is decided ment of these regio